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**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Sat 8/8/2015 9:59:43 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI, R8 Congressional Staff and Elected Officials, 3 pm PDT.

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**From:** "Higuchi, Dean" <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov>

**Date:** August 8, 2015 at 2:57:20 PM PDT

**To:** "Allen, HarryL" <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov>, "Zito, Kelly" <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>

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Thanks!

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**From:** Allen, HarryL  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 11:56 AM  
**To:** Zito, Kelly  
**Cc:** Higuchi, Dean; Manzanilla, Enrique; Kao, Jessica; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Keener, Bill; Nattis, Randy; Tenley, Clancy; Hubbard, Secody; Yogi, David  
**Subject:** Re: List of R9 actions?

That's fine.

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On Aug 8, 2015, at 2:40 PM, Zito, Kelly <[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)> wrote:

Great - Can we keep updating this as our "go to" document for any external calls as we get more info? Maybe we can call it something consistent - 'Region 9 GKM Update'...? And should we shoot for updating it once a day at a specific time? I'd leave it to Enrique/Harry/Rusty to assess what seems best, but fresh info would be good to have for the daily 1 pm HQ call.

Thanks-

Kelly

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On Aug 8, 2015, at 1:42 PM, "Higuchi, Dean" <[Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov](mailto:Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov)> wrote:

Harry,

Can this be read to the press? For Region 8's press call?

Thanks!

Dean Higuchi

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Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 9:42 AM

To: Manzanilla, Enrique

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David

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EPA Region 9 Activities

Background on Navajo impacts

The discharge water plume was identified this morning entering the San Juan at confluence w Animas River.

The discharge has yet to cross the Navajo Nation boundary, near Hogback, but Navajo officials have reacted quickly, assessing their water intake systems and issuing a precautionary "do not use" public service announcement regarding tap water. Region 9 reached out to Navajo EPA officials and subsequently were requested assist w ambient river sampling in the San Juan River. The Navajo EPA surface water monitoring program (Shiprock Office) collected water and sediment samples from the San Juan River Friday and Saturday - prior to the spill impact.

NNEPA also requested drinking water sampling support immediately for Navajo operated water intakes.

DW intakes from feeder canals are not expected to be impacted but were closed as a precaution. A third intake in Mexican Hat UT is off line.

Staffing

Region 9 deployed 2 START contractors to coordinate and assist them with sample collection and lab services and will assist in creating a sampling Task Force with NNEPA, Navajo water agencies and potentially the Bureau of Reclamation.

Region 9 also is deploying an OSC Rob Wise to Durango to coordinate Navajo sampling Task Force updates and results with the Region 8 incident command post and will ensure command messages get back to Navajo officials in this early phase of the response.

OSC Randy Nattis will deploy to the Navajo Nation in Farmington on Monday to coordinate additional field activities. Other Region 9 staff may assist with these roles including a drinking water expert perhaps.

Region 9 will also deploy a Public Information Officer (PIO) Rusty Harris-Bishop to participate in a Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango, with and other the affected Federal, State, County and Tribal agencies.

CIC Secody Hubbard should be deploying Sunday to Farmington.

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On Aug 8, 2015, at 11:54 AM, "Manzanilla, Enrique"  
<[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov](mailto:Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov)> wrote:

Kelly:

We will send you something shortly.

Enrique

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From: Zito, Kelly

Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2015 11:26 AM

To: Manzanilla, Enrique; Allen, HarryL; Kao, Jessica; Higuchi, Dean;

Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Keener, Bill

Subject: List of R9 actions?

Do we have a single list yet of all of the R9 activities, personnel, sampling, planned meetings. etc. we are doing on response? It will be useful for the press updates, for the HQ call, and Navajo and Congressional calls...

Thanks-

Kelly

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